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SUBJECT: DENKTASH ON INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

1. AT SOCIAL EVENT MAY 29 TURK CYPRIOT INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATOR RAUF DENKTASH TOLD AMBASSADOR INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATING SESSION EARLIER THAT DAY WAS BARREN AFFAIR TAKEN UP BY START OF GREEK SIDE' S RECITAL OF LOCAL AUTHORITY POWERS AND FUNCTIONS UNDER PRE- INDEPENDENCE BRITISH LEGISLATION (NICOSIA 1027 PARA 4).

2. DENKTASH CONSIDERS THESE PROVISIONS USEFUL AND INTERESTING BUT NO SUBSTITUTE FOR INDEPENDENT DETERMINATION OF EXTENT OF CONTROL WHICH CENTRAL GOVT SHOULD HAVE OVER LOCAL AUTHORITIES UNDER A NEW CYPRUS CONSTITUTIONAL SET UP. HE SO STATED DURING MAY 29 MEETING, HE SAYS. NEVERTHELESS GREEK SIDE PRESSED AHEAD. DENKTASH THEORIZES THAT THIS IS A STALLING TACTIC DESIGNED TO PREVENT TAKING OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS UNTIL AFTER BAYULKEN/ CAVALIER-
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ATOS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN AT JUNE NATO MINISTERIAL.

3. IN FAREWELL FESTIVITIES FOR AMBASSADOR, DENKTASH WAS NOTABLY MORE RESTRAINED AND CONCILIATORY IN HIS REMARKS THAN ON SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS.

4. COMMENT: NEITHER SIDE APPEARS TO BE IN ANY HASTE IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE DO NOT FIND IT SURPRISING THAT CLERIDES CHOSE TO START HIS PRESENTATION FROM STAND-POINT OF GREEK INTEREST IN LIMITING AND GIVING PRECISION TO FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, JUST AS DENKTASH PRESENTATION BEGAN WITH SWEEPING ASSERTION OF TURKISH RIGHT TO AUTONOMY. (INCIDENTALLY, OTHERS TELL US CLERIDES PICKED UP LOCAL GOVT QUESTION IN TERMS HARKING BACK TO 1968-1970 BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS, RATHER THAN SIMPLY FROM BRITISH LEGISLATION.)
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